

DISTRICT 19 MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2006

1. Attendees

GSR's : Brook H., Primary Purpose Greg B.; Hastings Rivertown A, Brian, Living Sober, Jennifer S.; Back to Basics, Pam. Apple Valley Women's AA, Kevin Mc.; Mpls Intergroup Rep.

Chairs : Kathy L., Directories & Group Records; Patti W., Treatment Centers, Pat C., CPC

- a. Officer's: Mary M., DCM, Lisa B., Alt. DCM and Treasurer, Debra K., Secretary

This month: no time allowed Next month: Tradition 2 – Kathy L. Concept 2 – Jennifer S.

2. Secretary's Report

Report was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Report was approved.

4. DCM Report

- a. The newsletter will note the timelines when the impact items from the General Service Conference are to be discussed in the individual groups. The GSR's deliver the voices of the groups to the Area 36 Delegate on April 8, 2006. More GSR's need to participate to get an accurate read on these issues
- b. The A.A.W.S. Highlights report stated that the freight charge of 10% for literature orders under \$250.00 will remain intact. The report in response to the request from two areas to consider eliminating the charge.

5. Alternate DCM Report

- a. Would like to have more feedback from the board members on how to reduce the length of the meeting. Please email Lisa your feedback
- b. The next Steering Committee meeting will be February 5th at Perkins in Apple Valley (Hwy 42 and Cedar)

7. GSR Reports

- a. Brook H., Primary Purpose: this meeting is made up of three groups, which meet Mon, Wed. and Fri. Each groups wants to have their own GSR and format. Would like to have feedback on the experience other groups have had on this topic:
 - One group had one business meeting scheduled each month for everyone who attended one of the three meetings days
 - Possible suggestion is to rotate the business meeting so that everyone gets a chance to attend in response to those who can not make the scheduled business meeting
 - The 4th tradition allows each meeting the autonomy to split off and develop a format that is consistent with the group's desires, as long as it does not hurt AA as a whole.
- b. Jennifer S., Back to Basics: The group has placed a reflective sign in front of the church directing new comers to the meeting

8. Committee Reports

- a. Finance: no report
- b. **Kathy L**, Directories & Records.
As of today 19 meetings have been visited where a presentation was made about what D19 is and how it can serve their group. The response has been very good so far. There are 102 groups left to visit. Anyone interested in participating please contact Kathy
- c. **Patty W**, Treatment.
A Literature rack has been set up at the Farmington Journey Counseling Center. They are looking for day speakers
- d. **David A.**, Corrections Facilities: absent
- e. **Kevin Mc.**, Greater Minneapolis Intergroup liaison.
 - On January 26th a special election will be held for an opening on the Intergroup Board of Directors
 - Intergroup will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day
 - Gratitude Night will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center April 1, 2006
- f. Public Information: vacant

- g. **Pat C., CPC**
Has made contact with clergy in the rural areas and has been setting up literature racks at various meetings. Has been making headway in spreading the message about D19. District 18 (Minneapolis) needs volunteers to bring meetings to the Adult Detention Center. Contact Ron B. 612-229-7493 or Mike K. 612-729 -0205

9. Old Business

- a. The treasurer position is still open. Lisa B. stated she is willing to keep the position in the interim. The potential treasurer volunteer should have knowledge of Excel and a good working knowledge of math and spread sheets
- b. The suggestion from the Steering Committee to send a newsletter highlighting the meeting minutes was applauded by everyone. It will focus on the 12 step opportunities, Area announcements and impact items from Area 36 and General Service Conference, GSR's need to communicate to their groups. This is to help speed up the information flow needed to inform the Area Delegate the 'voice' of AA within the individual groups. Any future items to be added to the newsletter contact Debra at debra@mhcmn.com or call 952-469-4248
- c. The Central Regional Conference in March is looking for volunteers from Area 36 to sign up as greeters over a specific Meeting. Contact Mary M.
- d. The vote on the electronic version of the pigeon from the various groups was yes as long as there is any minority and that the paper version is still available to those who do not have Internet access.
- e. The vote on the policy procedures change for the pigeon from the various groups was yes as long as it is still available in paper version
- f. The consensus of discussion of 'Singleness of Purpose' in the Grapevine was not for every issue, perhaps[s once a year.

10. New Business

- a. We are looking for ways to streamline the meeting. The following suggestions were discussed:
 - Eliminate the traditions and concepts presentation
 - Learning more about the traditions and concepts has helped to understand the program of AA
 - Offer a tradition and concept workshop before the meetingA motion was made to present the tradition and concepts before the meeting at 6:40 pm on a trial basis
Other reasons to streamline the meeting:
 - Feedback from the committees is too long
 - No one wants to offer two to three hours of their time in the eveningIt was noted that if not enough time is devoted to getting things done are we doing our jobs to communicate effectively to the groups and to the area. We need to be effective in our time and still do our jobs/
- b. Area 36 election procedures will be voted on at the March Assembly. The June Assembly will accept the nominations. If you have any questions contact Lisa B.
- c. Volunteers for the workshop committee are Greg B, Barb? and Mary M. They will be researching a topic to promote for Spring of 2006